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Letter dated 21 September 2005 addressed to the Chairman of the Third Committee by the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 17th plenary meeting of its sixtieth session, on 20 September 2005, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/60/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 17th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report, concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Third Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [item 39].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

3. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 61].

4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [item 62].

   [In accordance with resolution 59/148 of 20 December 2004, the General Assembly will convene, at its sixtieth session, two plenary meetings devoted to the evaluation of the progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, to be held during the general debate of the Third Committee.]

5. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [item 63].

6. Advancement of women [item 64].

   [The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 57 (Operational activities for development).]

7. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 65].

D. Promotion of human rights

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 67].

9. Indigenous issues [item 68].

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [item 69]:

    (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

11. Right of peoples to self-determination [item 70].

12. Human rights questions [item 71]:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

13. Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 106].

14. International drug control [item 107].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

15. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 116].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 116 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programme of work.]